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2. An oil refinery located in the northwest corner of the dock area was destroyed during World War II but by 1948 this had been completely rebuilt. All other buildings that had been damaged had been repaired and were operating.
3. There were 18 warehouses in the dock area, all of one-story construction. These were all dry storage buildings. [redacted] there were no facilities for cold storage. Various types of goods were stored in these warehouses that were awaiting shipment or transhipment. Oil storage tanks were located to the southeast, well out of the area, for protection. Each tank had a capacity of about eight hundred tons each. The river ships would be drawn up to the oil storage area, anchored, and then the oil would be pumped into the tanks by means of a pumping station.
4. Two boat basins had been constructed just off the river proper. The one to the south was known as basin No 1, and the one to the north, basin No 2. Basin No 1 had a skid system of three skids that were used to raise ships out of the basin for repairs. Machine shops for small and large repairs were located to the west and south of basin No 1.

5. There was one large crane of about 10-ton capacity located on the Danube proper. All other cranes in the area were five-ton capacity. There was also a grain elevator located on the Danube, south of basin No 1. This elevator was used for a short time in 1945 and 1946 to handle UNRRA wheat. [redacted]
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6. An army guard of about 10 men were billeted in a barracks in the area, their duty to guard the dock facilities.

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7. The port at Bratislava could load and unload about 12 ships and barges a day, each ship containing from six to seven hundred tons. A total of about six oil tanks could be loaded each twenty-four hours, for a grand total of thirty-six hundred tons.
8. The shipping organization carried steel, coal, and manufactured goods out of Bratislava and brought in tobacco, wine, iron ore and oil.

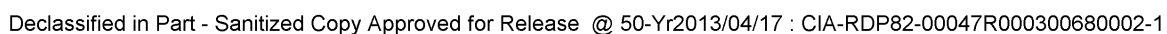
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